

House File 573

H-1063

1 Amend House File 573 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:
3 <Section 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT.
4 1. The general assembly finds all of the following:
5 a. According to the Guttmacher institute, 182,690
6 Iowa women were in need of publicly supported family
7 planning services in 2012.
8 b. According to a study in 2009 by the university
9 of Iowa public policy center entitled "The Cost of
10 Unintended Pregnancy in Iowa", every dollar invested
11 in family planning services saved \$15.12 in public
12 expenditures over a five-year time period.
13 c. Improving the health and well-being of women is
14 a goal of the healthiest state initiative.
15 d. Access to comprehensive reproductive health care
16 is critical to improving the health and well-being of
17 women.
18 e. Significant racial and ethnic disparities exist
19 in women's health, particularly in maternal mortality,
20 infant mortality, and incidence of premature or low
21 birth weight births.
22 f. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender women
23 have unique health care needs and confront a unique set
24 of disparities in the current health care system.
25 g. Approximately half of pregnancies are
26 unintended, and preventing unintended pregnancies
27 benefits child health, maternal health, and the health
28 and well-being of families and society as a whole.
29 h. The United States centers for disease control
30 and prevention included family planning in their
31 published list of the "Ten Great Public Health
32 Achievements in the 20th Century".
33 i. Many women lack access to comprehensive,
34 affordable insurance coverage, even though all women
35 should have such coverage for all pregnancy-related
36 care, including prenatal care, miscarriage management,
37 family planning services, abortion, labor and delivery
38 services, and postnatal care.
39 j. According to the Guttmacher institute, more
40 abortion restrictions were enacted in the period from
41 2011-2013 than in the entire previous decade.
42 2. It is the intent of the general assembly to do
43 all of the following:
44 a. Make improving women's health a priority.
45 b. Ensure that all women have access to the best
46 available, scientifically based health care.
47 c. Ensure that women have access to safe
48 childbearing, with resources available to reduce
49 maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.
50 d. Ensure that women have the autonomy to decide

1 whether to have children, the number and spacing
2 of their children, and to have medically accurate
3 information, education, and access to health services
4 to make these decisions.
5 e. Ensure that women have access to affordable
6 insurance coverage for all of their pregnancy-related
7 health care needs, including contraception and
8 abortion, as well as for their general health care
9 needs including coverage through Medicare, the Iowa
10 wellness plan, and the Iowa marketplace choice plan.
11 f. Ensure that women are afforded autonomous
12 decision making, informed consent, privacy, and
13 confidentiality regarding their health care.
14 g. Work to end health disparities for women,
15 including with regard to ethnicity, race, gender, and
16 sexual orientation.>
17 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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